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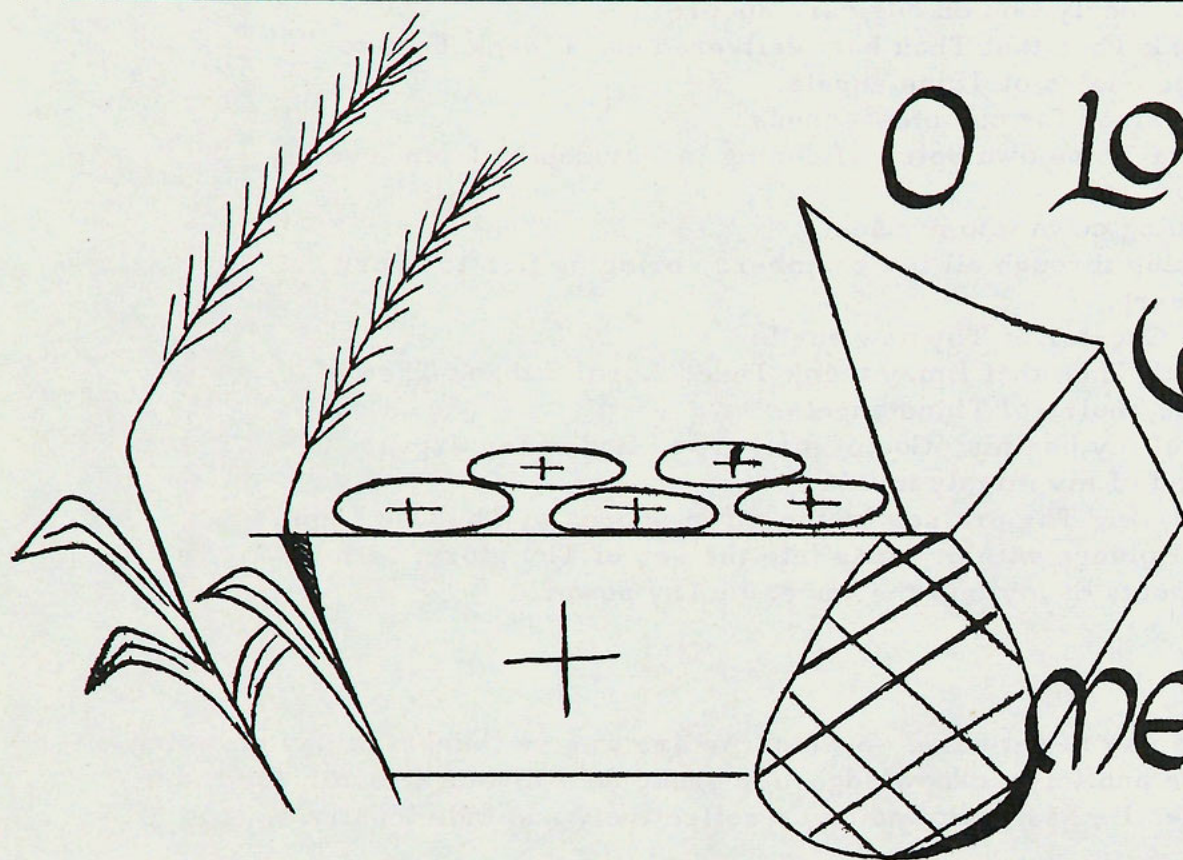
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BEACON LIGHT

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SAINT CLOUD HOSPITAL

November, 1961



O LORD,
WHO
LEND
ME LIFE

LEND ME A HEART

REPLETE WITH THANKFULNESS

William Shakespeare

A Thanksgiving hymn, "Great God of my Life"
by Gertrud Von Le Fort

Your voice speaks:

Great God of my life, I will praise Thee on the three
shores of Thy one light.

I will plunge with my song into the sea of Thy glory: with
rejoicing into the waves of Thy power.

Golden God of Thy stars, loud God of Thy storms, flaming
God of Thy fire-spewing mountains,

God of Thy streams and of Thy seas, God of all beasts, God
of all the cornfields and of wild roses,

I thank Thee for having awakened us, Lord, I thank Thee to
the choirs of Thine angels.

Be praised for all that lives.

God of Thy Son, great God of Thine eternal compassion,
great God of erring humanity,

God of all them who suffer, God of all them who die,
brotherly God on our dark spoor:

I thank Thee that Thou hast delivered us, I thank Thee to
the choirs of Thine angels.

Be praised for our blessedness!

God of Thine own Spirit, flooding in Thy depths from love
to love,

Seething down into my soul,

Rushing through all my chambers, bringing fire to every
heart,

Holy Creator of Thy new earth:

I thank Thee that I may thank Thee, Lord, I thank Thee to
the choirs of Thine angels.

God of my psalms, God of my harps, God of my organs
and of my mighty music,

I will sing Thy praises on the three shores of Thy One Light.

I will plunge with my song into the sea of Thy glory: with
shouts of joy into the waves of Thy power.

Each year a day is set aside on which we are to give thanks--a day on which,
as a Nation, we publicly acknowledge our great debt to our Creator for the in-
estimable graces He has bestowed on us collectively and individually.

But why should it be a special day? Is it perhaps that, being human, we all
too often forget to show our gratitude--forget that we owe all we have and all
we are to God? Each evening as we review the day's activities, we should hab-
itually pause and give thanks; not only for the security of a job, the shelter of a
home, the companionship of friends, the gift of health, but also for pain, suffer-
ing, trials and sorrows which may have been ours. It is especially through these
latter "gifts" that we more easily learn to understand true values in this life and
place our complete confidence in God, recognizing our dependence as His creatures.

Let us, this Thanksgiving Day, give thanks in a special way for all things and
try in some small way to make up for our lack of gratitude in the past.

Featuring The Stockroom



Way down in one corner of our basement works a man
of many smiles and great good humor-- Art Hoffarth.
Art began working in the St. Cloud Hospital in 1956.
His job preparation included various other types of
work, four years in military service and a diploma
from the St. Cloud Business College. Art is not only
our friendly stockroom clerk, but he is also a happy
husband and the proud father of three girls and one boy.

Art's right hand man is Dave Knuesel, who started as
a part-time employee while he was a high school stu-
dent. Now a student in our School of X-Ray Technology,
he continues to help in the stockroom part-time.

What goes on in the stockroom? Well, you would be
amazed! At first glance you see row upon row of ceil-
ing-high shelves neatly piled with boxes, bundles and
free-standing equipment of all sorts. Each shelf is
labelled, both alphabetically and numerically. From
these shelves come the supplies ordered weekly from
the supply book located in each department and on each floor. As the books come down
each week, Art and Dave check the stock number of the item requested, locate it on the
shelf according to number and deliver it to the area where it is needed. A thorough job
of checking the book each week greatly simplifies the work of the stockroom clerks by
eliminating unnecessary extra trips to deliver "emergency" supplies.

Only items that are consistently used are kept in stock. Other special orders are pur-
chased individually, are checked in by the stockroom personnel and are delivered to the
departments. Items may become stock items when they become a regular requirement
in any given area. They are then added to the supply book, which is comparable to a
specialized catalog for each department. However, instead of choosing between a vari-
ety of possibilities as you do in the usual catalog, you request that specific item which
you, or the purchasing department, have found to be the BEST and most economical one
for the particular need.

The stockroom is also responsible for linen replacement. As articles of linen are worn
out and disposed of, the laundry personnel record them. At the end of the month the
discard list is presented to the stockroom and each item is replaced with a new one.

Almost all new purchases are handled through the stockroom. Exceptions to this are
food and pharmaceutical supplies which are purchased directly by these departments.
Pharmaceuticals are checked in by the stockroom clerks, but food is delivered directly
to the kitchen.

Each year the stockroom is closed for business for one week while inventory is taken of
the hundreds of items on the shelves. It's a big job, but the system that has been de-
veloped aids greatly in accomplishing this task efficiently.

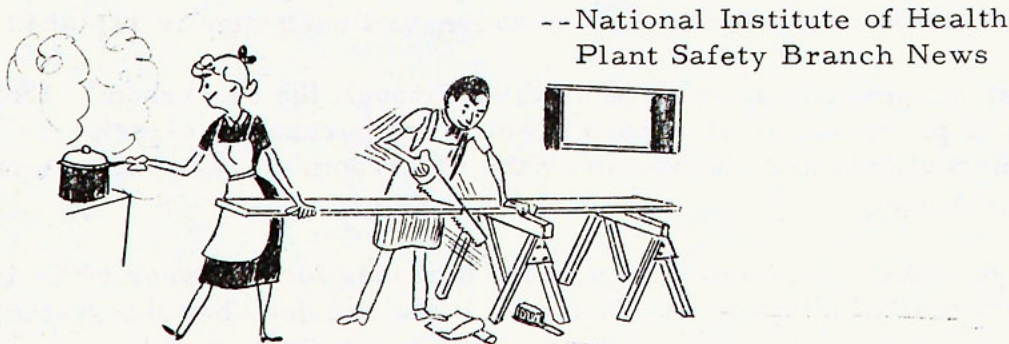
Sometimes items go out of use--and these constitute a major "headache" for this department. Art says, "When nobody else wants it, then we get it." The problem then is: What to do with it? Sometimes Art succeeds in "selling" these articles to other departments--or they may appear at the periodic hospital "auction".

SAFETY BEGINS AT HOME

with You...

WORRIES

- Worry about the Russians --
then get run over by a neighbor.
- Worry about radioactive fallout --
then get poisoned spraying the flowers.
- Worry about the kids running in front of cars --
then drag them across a street on the red light.
- Worry about getting enough exercise --
then drive two blocks for a pack of cigarettes.
- Worry about getting the car greased every 1000 miles --
then never get a medical check-up.
- Worry about the kids getting proper nourishment --
then leave household poisons lying around for them to snack on.
- Worry about retirement --
then do everything we can to keep from lasting that long.
- Worry about H-bombs --
then blow our heads off lighting the stove.
- Worry about polio --
then get crippled up by a power mower or homeshop power tool.
- Worry about tornadoes --
then get liquidated in a whirlwind force auto collision.



MEDICAL STAFF



Dr. Charles F. Brigham was elected Chief of the Medical Staff at the annual election held in June, 1961. As Chief of Staff he is Chairman of the Executive Committee and a member of all other committees of the Medical Staff. He presides at the quarterly meetings of the entire staff and at the monthly meetings of the Executive Committee, and maintains general supervision of all professional work in the hospital.

The other members of the Executive Committee are Dr. Edward LaFond, Vice Chief of Staff; Dr. James Kelly, Secretary; Dr. R. Petersen, immediate past Chief of Staff; Dr. E. Schmitz, Dr. John Kelly and Dr. Dale Udem who were elected or appointed according to the provisions of the Bylaws of the Medical Staff.

The duties of the Executive Committee are to coordinate the activities and general policies of the various departments, to receive and act upon the reports of standing and special committees and to act for the staff as a whole within such limitations as may be imposed by the staff.

Dr. Brigham has two children, Charles Junior and Elizabeth. His home is at 1259 North 7th Avenue.

His task is of divine appointment, and thou hast need of him; let him be ever at thy side. Needs must, at times, to physicians thou shouldst have recourse; and doubt not they will make intercession with the Lord, that they may find a way to bring thee ease and remedy, by their often visiting thee.

Jo Ann Nelson
Marlene Stangl
Carol Froehle Schwankl
Bernadine Woitalla
Carol Hassing

CONGRATULATIONS



to our staff nurses who received word they passed State Board exams and are now R. N. 's, and also to Bernadette Kucala, L. P. N.



Baby Arrives

This past month, babies were born to the following alumnae and former employees:

Mrs. Andrew Rolfes (Dolores Berg)	Mrs. Donald Nystrom (Ruth Meagher)
Mrs. Augie Bloedel (Jean Hauptli)	Mrs. George Whitman (Mary Jean Wise)
Mrs. Sylvester Kantor (Rita Heim)	Mrs. David Eberhardt (Roberta Travnick)
Mrs. Alex Schwalbe (Shirley Guck)	Mrs. Kenneth Theis (Dorothy Mayer)
Mrs. Alfred Schwalbe (Mary Streit)	Mrs. Romuald Palmersheim (Delphine Vouk)
Mrs. Roy Anfenson (Marilyn Weis)	Mrs. Dennis Schlichting (Marguerite Fahrenholz)

George Courrier, Maintenance, is the proud father of a girl, Karen Patricia.

Personnel News

Nursing Service

Mrs. Betty Young R. N., assistant Nursing Service Director attended the State Minnesota Nurses Association Convention in Minneapolis October 30, 31, and November 1.

5 North

Mrs. Patricia Reger Bogart R. N. has returned to work on a part time basis. Mrs. Judith Flahave, L. P. N. has recently joined the night shift.

Nursery

Mrs. Jean Schmidt Weber R. N. '60 returned to St. Cloud after working a year in Buffalo, Minnesota. She became Mrs. Weber on October 21.

4 North

Stephen Gilbert is the new orderly replacing Tom Strang who is now at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Mr. Gilbert spent three years in the Air Force and received his Medical Corpsman Training at Gunther Air Force Base at Montgomery, Alabama.

4 South

The Piggy Bank in the Pediatrics Department is still growing with pennies to buy toys for the children at Christmas. These toys remain in Pediatrics for the hospitalized children. The goal this year is \$50. and to date \$23.50 has been counted out. Everyone is invited to add pennies to the Piggy on the desk of the 4 South Nursing station. You are welcome to visit us at Christmas time to see our new toys and decorations.

3 North

Best wishes to Charlene Brengman L. P. N. who recently became the bride of Duane Benoit.

2 North

Beverly Becker, hospital aide, became the bride of Kenneth Dohrmann on Saturday, October 28.

On November 7, several departments were aware of a wedding. Joan Haehn, a nurses aide on 2 North became the bride of Joseph Zabinski, Jr., a brother of the Supervisor, Carol. Miss Jeanette Haehn, Medical Records Clerk and sister of the bride was maid of honor.

We express our sympathy to Rita Kantor, Hospital Aide, on the death of her father earlier this fall.

1 South

Phyllis Burgmeier is now the proud owner of a '62 Chevrolet.

X-Ray

On October 14, Mr. and Mrs. Merv Mock, both former employees, became the happy parents of a baby girl. Mr. Mock is now Administrative Technician of the x-ray department and school in Virginia, Minnesota.

Sister Jonathan and Sister Sandra recently attended the executive meeting of the Minnesota Society of x-ray technicians at St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Paul. In addition to being Counselor, Sister Sandra was appointed Historian of our society.

Anesthesia

The students spent the morning of November 1 watching the fantastic spectacle of open-heart surgery at University Hospital. Dr. Smith made the arrangements and accompanied the group as Instructor and host.

... news continued

School of Nursing

On October 20-21, Sister Gemma attended the Regional Meeting of the National Catholic Music Educators Association at St. Thomas College in St. Paul. The Meeting of Upper Mid-West Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers at St. Olaf's College, Northfield, was attended by Miss Karn. Miss Karn represented the school at a Career Day at the Paynesville High School.

Laundry

Mrs. Sarah Marek returned to work after a leave of absence.

Kitchen

Kathleen Notch is our new employee in the kitchen.

Medical Records

There was much rejoicing in the Record Room on November 8, when Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gasser (Ilene) became the proud parents of Laurie Ann. In July, Mrs. Marion Clark and Patricia Stalboerger were hostesses to the Medical Record Personnel at a "Baby Shower" in Miss Stalboerger's apartment, and ever since then the whole department has been infanticipating. Mingled with our happiness, however, is our sincere regret that Ilene is no longer with us. We will miss her very much. She has been an able and competent clerk and a good teacher and friend to many who have come and gone in the fifteen years that she has worked here. We wish God's blessings on her and her family.

Former Employees

Robert Seitz, Laboratory, and James Eller, Inhalation Therapy Department, are now working at the Office Building of the House of Representatives in Washington as messenger boys. They write that they like their work and have visited many places of interest.



Hunting seems to enter many conversations these days. Geese, ducks, pheasants and deer provide for some good hard physical labor, "But it was tremendous and we love it." And the ladies say hunting is a fine sport, but should we really shoot to kill dead? Mrs. Maude Lepinski brought home a beautiful pheasant on opening day. Mrs. Sophie Deppa shot two pheasants in one day.



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THE PINK SHEET

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Mrs. Frank Liljedahl, SCHWA Treasurer, receives a check from Mrs. Joseph Strack, Chairman of Remembrance Fund.

Today we would like to salute Mrs. Joseph Strack, Remembrance Fund Chairman, and her committee. As you no doubt know, contributions made to the Remembrance Fund, are transformed into living memorials by serving as a means for obtaining hospital equipment or completing existing facilities. Donations may be made in gratitude for the care received at the hospital; in remembrance of a birthday, anniversary, confirmation, or any happy occasion; or, in memory of friends or relatives.

The beautiful walnut chest with the beautifully bound Remembrance Book, is situated in the Hospital Lobby. The name of the donor and the person receiving the gift are recorded therein, but only the donor knows the amount of the contribution. Mrs. Strack and her committee then mail a beautiful card to the recipient, (or in case of a memorial, it is sent to a member of the family), and a card is sent to the donor.

This is a beautiful and thoughtful way of saying "Congratulations", "You have my sympathy", or just plain "Thank You"!

Don't Forget!
Let's attend!

THE
HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
WILL MEET
ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 at 7:30 P. M.
IN
THE NURSES' HOME

Be on time!
See you there!



November is the month in which Americans from north to south, east to west, will set aside a day for prayer and thanksgiving. It is a patriotic holiday; but along with its serious side, there is also a rather gay side. For, usually, on this day, families gather together to eat and be joyful. And so, on this note, may we as Auxilians, wish all of you and your families, a very happy Thanksgiving day!



STATE HOSPITAL MEETING

Once again, Hospital Administrators and Hospital Auxilians met together, and in separate conferences, in Minneapolis. This was a two-day M. H. A. Conference which was held on Thursday and Friday, November 9-10, at the Leamington Hotel. Auxilians who attended the Auxiliary work-shops were: Mrs. Leonard Stotko, President, Mrs. Max Landy, Vice-President and Membership Chairman, Mrs. Paul Pappenfus, Ways and Means Chairman.

Mrs. Charles Richter, District III Chairman, represented the district.

Cookies

Pies

Cake

Rolls

BAKE SALE

The annual bake sale sponsored by the Auxiliary will take place on Tuesday, November 21, from 8:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M.

Featured will be home-made baked goods--pies, cakes, rolls, cookies. The Sisters will again contribute the rye bread, white bread, rolls (both carmel and plain), and cookies!

Here is a splendid opportunity to fill that freezer--and, of course, the Thanksgiving baking!

Bread